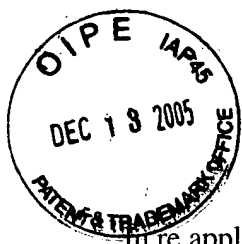


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In the Notice of Allowance issued on November 18, 2005, there is no acknowledgement of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on February 11, 2002. Attached please find a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement, a copy of the PTO/SB/08 A & B form, and a copy of the date-stamped receipt. Applicants respectfully requests that these documents be considered by the Examiner and that the IDS be formally acknowledged by the Examiner.

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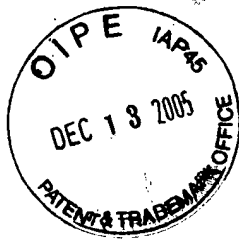
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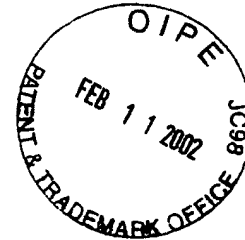
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed: (1) No later than three months from the application's filing date for an application other than a continued prosecution application (CPA) under §1.53(d); (2) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later); or (3) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action after filing a request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

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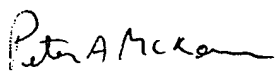
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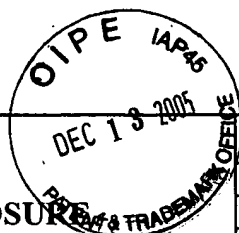
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